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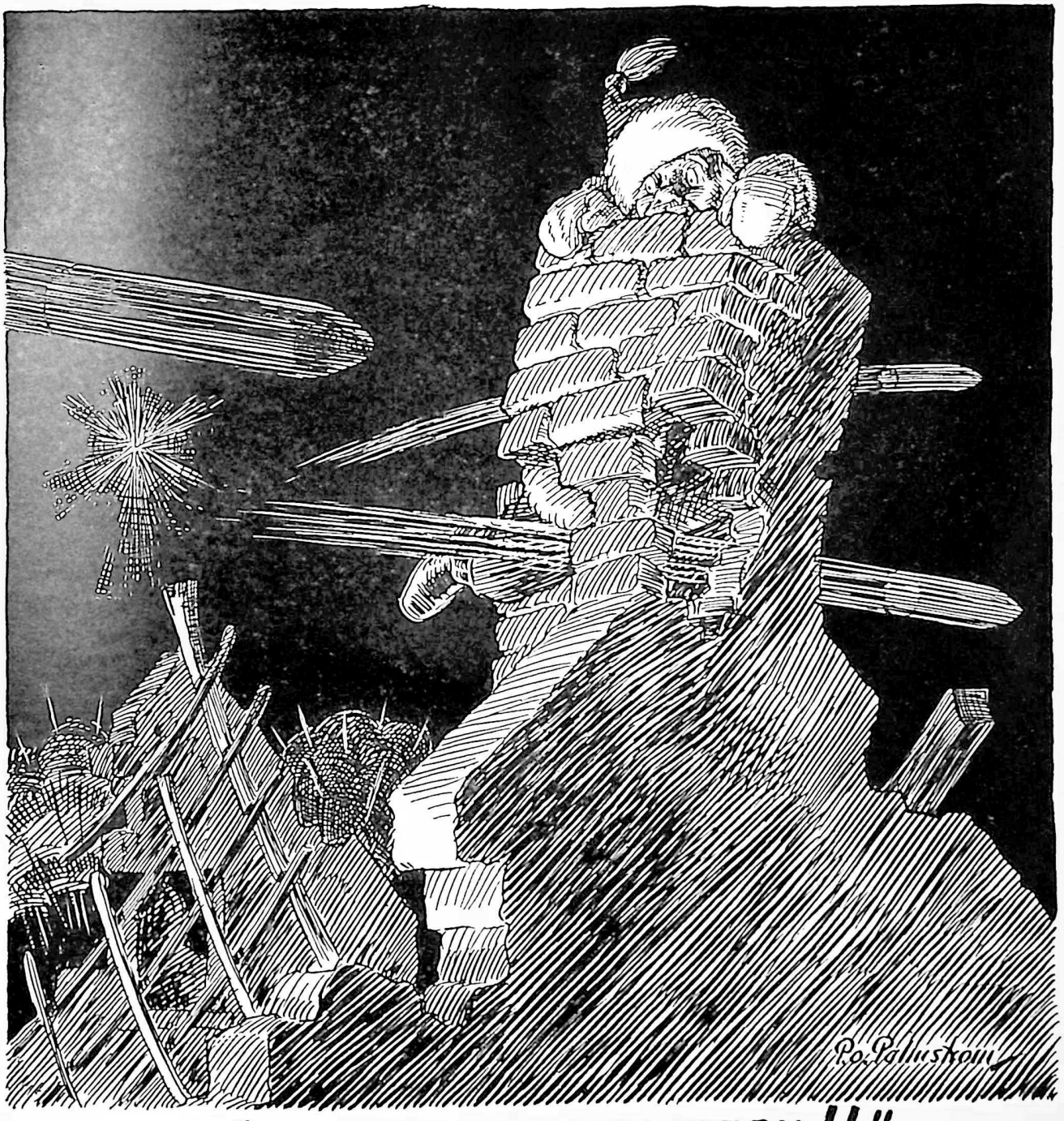

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This number of YANKEE DOINGS is not all that the Editor could wish it to be. As announced last month, a temporary leave of absence on the part of Ye Ed deprived the Association of one number altogether, and the fact that the temporary job lasted considerably longer than expected makes this number about ten days late.

It has seemed advisable to rush things along and get out at least some sort of a number for December, even if it has to be incomplete in certain details of news and information which would take some little time to collect and tabulate. So here it is, and we've done our darndest to make as complete a coverage of the important happenings since the last issue as possible without undue waiting and delay. So, if certain events seem to you not to have the space they really deserve, please attribute it to the desire to go to press as quickly as possible and not make too long a wait between numbers.

It is felt that the principal weakness in this issue is in the lack of definite statistics concerning the success of the New England Mobilization for new members, telling just how well each of the eight major sectors have done. Strangely enough the very reason for this falling down lies in the success of the Mobilization. New members have come in so thick and fast that it has about tripled the usual amount of routine work to be done on files, mailing lists, etc., just at the time when the staff was shorthanded, and left just that much less time for tabulating the results geographically. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION.

So please bear with us, we're shooting this issue to you in a hurry (although it may not seem so after the long interval since the last one), feeling that perhaps any YANKEE DOINGS is better than none at all.

NO (M)s THIS TIME

In accordance with the decision to get this number of DOINGS into the hands of its readers as quickly as possible, as explained elsewhere, the (M)s following the names of those who are members of the YD Veterans Association have again been omitted this month, as it takes quite some time to check against every name, especially as there are nearly 600 new members since the last issue came out.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

As one of the earliest and most vehement protagonists of repeal, in the days when it was not altogether popular, YANKEE DOINGS allows itself a chuckle of pleasure at the results of the past six months, culminating on December 6.

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And since it has been removed from the realm of contentious questions and political horse-trading, and entered the province of established and settled fact, perhaps DOINGS may not be subjected to the sniping of criticism which ensued upon its previous venturesome espousal. Particularly when it is stated here and now that the same reasons set forth at that time against prohibition are the ones restated now in favor of the new regime.

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First of all, DOINGS, in its effort to reflect what it believes to be the opinion of the majority of members of the YD Veterans Association, does not now, any more than it did three years ago, believe that repeal is better than prohibition for the simple reason that more people can get more liquor or better liquor. That phase of the picture has mighty little to do with any of the important points involved. More people drinking more liquor is not necessarily bound to result in any economic or social benefit to the nation or the race. In fact, just the opposite.

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Two fundamental questions were involved: the one social, the other governmental. The social problem can best be stated by pointing out what everyone already knows, namely, that drinking can be either a pleasant addition to the joy of living, or it can be the well-greased skids to misery and futile helplessness. Prohibition was an attempt to save the few at the expense of the many. Let us say it had been successful to the n'th degree. Fundamentally it would still have been wrong, and as senseless as prohibiting mince pie because it gives certain people a belly-ache. But we all know how successful it was, and its utter failure removed the one frail prop upon which it might possibly have been defended. From the social angle there is but one common-sense postulate: make drunkenness and degradation the crime—not drinking. Cure it or wipe it out not by making drinking doubly desirable because forbidden, but by breeding a race of men with brains enough and guts enough to realize that the decision as to whether they choose to be men or swine rests in their own hands, not on some scrap of paper mouldering, forgotten and unheeded, in the archives of so-called law.

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So much for the social angle. How about the governmental side? There we find perhaps the greatest farce, yet the most tragic mistake, ever perpetrated. In the text of a magnificent document drafting the structure for the theory of a self-governing social order, like a maggot in a bowl of cherries, appeared a police ordinance unworthy of a boom town of the pioneer age. But the way to look at the governmental angle is to consider what was attempted; what it did not accomplish; what it did accomplish. Why go all over it again? The high hopes, predestined to failure, of changing a race's habits by the enactment of laws, the crystallizing into words, not the sentiment of a people but the zeal of a band of crusaders. The utter failure even to accomplish its doubtful ends: the continuing abundance of liquor, the utter futility of the so-called law. And worst of all, the fungous growth of graft, crime, murder, rapine, disobedience and disrespect for any and all laws, the servility, the cringing, the loss of self-respect, the furtive, sneaking attitude of those who once were men.

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The new order brings with it new obligations. Those of us who look upon it simply as a restored privilege to drink ourselves to death more comfortably, more easily, and more quickly are missing the point. What it has done has made men of us again. No longer do we have to sneak down some dark alley, or hide bottles under tables. What are these new obligations?

1. Repeal was brought about, not because people wanted more to drink, but because they wanted to bring the nation back to a state of common decency and honesty. Let's buy legally, drink legally, do our part to bust up rackets and crime.
2. Repeal places every man's career, so far as liquor is concerned, in his own hands. Let's show the world we appreciate the trust and are grateful for the compliment, using it as it should be used, without detriment to health, self-respect, or financial obligations to ourselves, our families and community.

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Lord knows we hope all this doesn't sound like a sermon, for who the deuce are we to preach sermons. We like a drink now and then, and probably occasionally slop over. But nevertheless, the above is the truth as we see it. A new order is at hand. Let's make it better for all of us, in health and happiness, than any of the old orders which preceded it.

PICTURES OF GENERAL EDWARDS

The YD Club of Boston still has on hand a limited supply of the splendid large photographs of our Division Commander, the late General EDWARDS, which were offered for sale in these columns in past months. The dimensions are roughly 16 by 24 inches, and the price, unframed of course, is $1.00. Mail orders can be filled promptly. Send orders, enclosing remittance, to WILLIAM SNYDER, Secretary, YD Club of Boston, 200 Huntington Ave.

GREAT NEW ENGLAND MOBILIZATION OF YANKEE DIVISION STILL GOES FORWARD

On September 27 of this year, the YD Veterans Association, exclusive of the YD Club of Boston, had 989 members. Today, December 11, 1933, it has 1569, a net gain of 580.

The goal set was 2500 new members. The date set was November 11. It is now December 11, and practically one-quarter of that number have been signed up, with more coming in every day. At first glance that doesn't look like the most brilliant success. But we who sit here at G.H.Q. know that it IS success. The ball is rolling, the advance is under way, and nothing now but the most inexcusable apathy can stop it!

The date has been extended indefinitely—any time up to April 1. The $1.00 dues remain in effect (plus chapter assessment if joining via a chapter). For $2.00 one can now get a full fifteen months' membership—to April 1, 1935. The YD spirit, the spirit of 1918 which knew no such word as failure, which has smoldered so many years is burning with a crackling flame throughout New England. The YD is marching again.

Let us first give you the cold, hard figures, then a brief resume of the highlights here and there on the YD map.

MAINE
Quota 400
To date 32

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Quota 250
To date 101

VERMONT
Quota 100
To date 23

MASSACHUSETTS
Quota 1000
To date 164

RHODE ISLAND
Quota 250
To date 90

CONNECTICUT
Quota 500
To date 113

OUTSIDE OF NEW ENGLAND
Quota None
To date 57

Let it be understood that the above figures represent only NEW members since September 27. We had hoped to be able this month to give statistics by cities and towns, but as explained elsewhere, time does not permit a complete tabulation, and this will be held over until next month.

Before passing on to tell of the bright spots here and there, let us pause, stand at attention, and salute eight of the greatest workers and leaders the old YD ever had, the Majors in command of the eight sectors named above. Through thick and thin, through encouragement and discouragement, they have been carrying on to make this Mobilization a realization of the dream of a unified Yankee Division, today as in 1918. They are still carrying on, and they will carry on until the objective is reached and the enemy trenches are ours. Here they are, boys, give 'em a hand.

Elton P. Walker of Portland, Maine
Bill Sayers of Manchester, N.H.
Harry Bugbee of Highgate Center, Vermont
George Cronin of Boston
Howard A. Sanderson of Boston
Gen. Edmund J. Slate of Holyoke, Mass.
C. Bird Keach of Providence, R.I.
Dana T. Leavenworth of Hartford, Conn.

There are a whole lot of others in smaller spheres doing just as glorious work, and we wish we had space to name them all. There is Barney Clarke of Noroton, Conn., Harold Barker and Bill Andrews and Harold Tucker of Providence; "Doc" Crowell, Ray Doucette, Leon Varnum, Eddie Dee, Roy Knox and others of Lynn; Charlie Goucher of Milford, Mass.; Win Lloyd and Latham of Brockton, Mass.; Arthur Shea of Fitchburg; Ted Noyes and others in Worcester; Ed Maley, Henry Roux, Ben Johnson and a score of others in Springfield; Louis Donahue, Vic Erickson and many more down in Portland; Eliot Carter, Harry Ainscow and others in Nashua; Charlie Towers, Sam Moffitt, and others in Manchester, N.H.; Ralph Bartlett and those who are aiding him in Concord, N.H.; all the rest of Bill Sayers's loyal Captains all over New Hampshire; Slopsy Cocklin up in Rutland, Vermont; "Skinny" Clifford in St. Johnsbury. Many, many more, scattered far and wide over New England hills and valleys, in big cities and little villages, have responded to the call of the eight Majors, and are breathing the breath of life back into the long-sleeping form of the Yankee Division. Perhaps it would have been better to have mentioned none at all by name, since there are so many more. Don't feel because your name is not here your work has gone unheralded. By next month we should be able to give a more complete list, for now we must hurry on.

Flashes

The more important events in the progress of the Mobilization, such as the big mass meetings, attended

by the National officers, in Providence, Nashua, Manchester, Lynn, Brockton, Lowell, Worcester, will be found under separate headings throughout this issue. But just so that readers can feel the thrill that we at G.H.Q. feel as the day's mail brings reports from the entire battle front, let us quote here, briefly, from some of these "operations reports":

MAINE

From "Major" ELTON P. WALKER, 10/27/33: "Enclosed find two members . . . . Capt. NORTON of Dover-Foxcroft says he will get the boys in that section . . . . Maj. HOSFORD (103rd Inf.) is the first in Houlton . . . . could get no better man . . . . all swear by him . . . . he is all for a charter . . . . we will have it started in a week or two . . . . EARL ROBERTS of Ft. Kent will lead men in his section to objective . . . . ROBERT MERRILL, Ft. Fairfield, going after his section . . . . EARL NOYES, Smyrna Mills . . . . a tireless worker . . . . to get boys together to form chapter . . . . EARL WAKELY, Bangor, wants 10 application blanks . . . . etc., etc."

From Portland YD Club (CH), 11/10/33: "Enclosed please find $5.00 for following five new members."

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Clipping from Keene newspaper, undated: "YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION TO HAVE CHAPTER IN THIS CITY; CHARLES F. LEAHY named to form unit here . . . . Meeting to be held next Wednesday . . . . Keene's quota is 20 . . . . half already secured."

From HARRY J. S. AINSCOW, Secretary-Treasurer, YD Club of Nashua (CH), 11/3/33/: "Enclosed find $13.00 for the following 13 new members . . . . held meeting last night . . . . we are going after every YD man in this neck of the woods."

From good old BILL SAYERS, 11/4/33: "Have changed Captains in Keene and Franklin . . . . CHARLES F. LEAHY in Keene, ERNEST C. MELENDY in Franklin . . . . enclosing $9.00 and the names of 9 new members, 4 of them as members of the YD Club of Manchester (CH), 5 as members-at-large."

From GEORGE F. RICHARDSON, "Captain" in Lebanon, N.H., 11/6/33: "Total quota for this area, 10; following are 8 already sent in . . . . will get at least the other two, and I think more than that."

And again from BILL SAYERS, 11/15/33: "Enclosed find check for $20.00 for following 20 members in Keene . . . . they want to form chapter and I have sent them form of application to be used . . . . clipping enclosed . . . . also enclosing three from Laconia and 1 from Peterboro . . . . Concord reports 9 new members making total of 32 . . . . Lebanon reports total of 8 . . . . Exeter total of 5 . . . . expect to put in more time myself in the local Manchester area."

VERMONT

Following reports from "Major" HARRY W. BUGBEE:

10/24/33: "Enclose check for 1 new member . . . . landed him myself yesterday . . . . have induced GEORGE F. WILLARD to captain Windham County."

11/6/33: "I spoke over WLDM (?) Saturday, November 4 . . . . previously notified Captains to have YD'ers listen in . . . . also had notices in local papers . . . . am speaking Armistice Day at St. Albans, also at the Armory the following Saturday."

11/13/33: "Spoke at St. Albans, Armistice Day . . . . there were 5 YD non-members in the hall . . . . four signed up . . . . one of these a Purple Heart man, living for many months, with his family solely on his $40.00 a month compensation, begged me to take his last dollar!"

11/15/33: "Enclosed $2.00 for following 2 men . . . . asked CLIFFORD of St. Johnsbury where his 40 or 50 new members were . . . . asserts stoutly that they will be forthcoming shortly . . . . let's hope so . . . . I have track of several in Sheldon Springs that I am going to see personally."

11/18/33: "Enclosed $2.00 sent in by JACK WOOD for 2 new members . . . . names and addresses given in Jack's letter which is enclosed."

MASSACHUSETTS

From "Major" General SLATE, Commanding Central and Western Mass. Sector, 11/4/33: "Following is a list of Captains in my Sector: Worcester, DAN JONES, TED NOYES, Ass't; Springfield, EDWARD C. MALEY; Fitchburg, DANIEL A. NOONAN; Framingham, ALBERT Z. LEMOINE; No. Adams, CLAYTON L. MAUSERT; Orange and Athol, WALDO G. JOHNSON; Greenfield, HERBERT N. KELLEY; Holyoke, FREDERICK W. MARTIN; Pittsfield, JOHN C. GRANFIELD; Harvard, CLAYTON G. LOCKE; Northampton, MICHAEL P. O'CONNOR; Milford, CHARLES A. GOUCHER. None yet in Marlboro."

Again from Gen. SLATE, 11/24/33: "Enclosed find $8.00 for the following 8 new members in Fitchburg." Enclosed with this was letter from ARTHUR P. SHEA of Fitchburg to Gen. SLATE, 11/23/33: "Held meeting in Armory last night . . . . able guidance BILL MCBRIDE and DAN NOONAN . . . . attendance of 50, and 20 who telephoned excusing absence . . . . only 8 able to pay dollar on the spot . . . . holding another meeting December 6 . . . . elected temporary officers until granted charter: W. L. MCBRIDE, Chm.; DANIEL A. NOONAN, Secretary; ARTHUR P. SHEA, Treas. . . . . number of fellows agreed to stop in at my office with dues."

From Gen. SLATE, 11/11/33: "Twelve more members enclosed . . . . sent in by 'Captain'—Lt. Col. HERBERT N. KELLEY of Greenfield."

Again from Gen. SLATE, 12/8/33: "Enclosing $16.00 and names of 16 more from Fitchburg, sent to me by ARTHUR P. SHEA."

From TED NOYES of Worcester, 10/30/33: "Next meeting of YD Club of Worcester will be Nov. 9 . . . . suggest 'flying squadron' from G.H.Q. attend . . . . strike while iron is hot . . . . would expedite the formation of a chartered chapter . . . . am holding quite a few new memberships to turn over but want to make a bigger showing . . . . am sure we will."

Again from TED NOYES, 11/15/33: "Our next meeting will be December 14 . . . . let's gather the whole clan for a unified attack on this area on that

date . . . . am compiling list of the newly signed members, please send 'em YANKEE DOINGS . . . . will send along their one buck in a few days."

Ed. Note:—The "unified attack" is to be made on December 14, too late for inclusion in this issue.)

From JACK O'DEA of Lowell: "A YD Club has been organized in Lowell . . . . Lowell has a potential membership of 300 . . . . following Concord Convention last summer this Club was organized . . . . temporary Officers: Pres., JOHN B. O'DEA; Secretary, DANIEL F. COAKLEY; Treas., EDWARD D. BARTON . . . . ran an outing, large crowd attended, was a great success, everybody satisfied . . . . evening of October 26 we ran a Ball . . . . over 600 attended."

The report from Lynn will be found elsewhere in this number. A total of approximately 45 new members has been turned in from that bright spot on the YD map.

Brockton is holding a big get-together on December 12, at which time Maj. EDDIE COPPER'S "Flashes of Action" are to be shown. The National officers are attending to tell of the Mobilization. All YD men in Plymouth County are invited.

From LUCIEN PELLETIER of Salem, Secretary of the YD Club of Salem, not yet a chapter of the Y.D.V.A., 11/14/33: "Am enclosing three new members . . . . will get more . . . . things seem to be on a different footing . . . . am getting more support . . . . will soon be affiliated."

From CHARLIE GOUCHER of Milford, 11/28/33: "Enclosed find $4.00 and names of 4 new members in this area."

RHODE ISLAND

From good old BIRD KEACH, perennial V.P. for R.I., 10/27/33: "On November 1, the National officers will face the largest gathering of Rhode Island YD men we have ever seen." (Ed. Note:—An account of this great mass meeting appears elsewhere in this issue.)

From Col. HAROLD BARKER, President Rhode Island Chapter, Y.D.V.A., 11/23/33: "Enclosed SEVENTY (70) DOLLARS for the following 70 NEW MEMBERS."

CONNECTICUT

From "Major" DANA T. LEAVENWORTH, 11/13/33: "Here is a further list of 26 new names and check for $26.00 to cover . . . . together with contribution of ROBERTS K. SKINNER of $5.00 to send DOINGS to 5 YD Veterans in hospitals . . . . Please let me have detailed information on forming chapter . . . . there is a definite interest in this in Hartford."

Again from "Major" LEAVENWORTH on November 18: "I am enclosing check for $58.00 together with the names of 58 new members joining the YD Veterans Association."

Other letters, describing the progress and enthusiasm in local spots are quoted under "Clubs and Chapters."

OUTSIDE NEW ENGLAND

Although the YD Mobilization has not been pushed outside New England, it seems to be contagious.

From CLARENCE A. BUSH, Sec.-Treas. YD Club of Chicago (CH), 10/23/33: "Enclosing $10.00 and ten applications . . . . brings our total to 37 . . . . despite rainy night had record turnout of 24 at special meeting October 20 . . . . including GEORGE W. TWOMBLY, former President Y.D.V.A."

From good old GEORGE K. MITCHELL, Secretary and general spark-plug of the YD Club of Southern California, a continual stream of now one, now two or three, new members.

All the above is condensed and in pretty much telegraphic form. Readers can see the Herculean task the undermanned G.H.Q. is up against to keep things in order, membership cards sent out, requests for information answered, charter applications attended to. Please don't feel too bad if it seems that co-operation is lacking on this end: there are hundreds working in the field and never more than two, usually only one, at this end, to arrange, correlate, and put in order the thousand pieces of correspondence that come in. All will straighten out in time. Just keep 'em coming in.

Further details of certain meetings here and there appear under "Clubs and Chapters." —P. N. S.

THE DRIVE GOES ON!

THE Y.D.V.A. MOBILIZATION THROUGHOUT NEW ENGLAND HAS NOT ENDED. Armistice Day, November 11, was set as the date upon which the 2500 new members were to be in the fold. It is now nearly a month beyond that date, and they're coming in faster than ever! There must be no let-down now: the Yankee Division is coming into its own once more. It's like the old days when we had the enemy on the run and figured it was about time for a little rest. But there was no rest while we had 'em moving. It's ten times as easy to keep the ball rolling as it is to start it again once it comes to a dead stop. Keep going! It doesn't make any great difference whether that 2500 mark is reached on November 11 or April 1. We'll reach it: we're quarter way there now, and 600 new members from a start of only a little over 900 to begin with is not bad, my friends, not bad.

AND HERE'S THE AMMUNITION. THE $1.00 OFFER STILL HOLDS. DUES ARE STILL $1.00 (plus chapter assessment, whatever it may be) PAYING UP TO APRIL 1, 1934. BUT, FOR $2.00, WHICH IS THE REGULAR YEARLY AMOUNT, PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DATE YOU APPLY RIGHT UP TO APRIL 1, 1935, FIFTEEN MONTHS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE YEAR'S DUES. WE'LL ACCEPT IT EITHER WAY, BUT THE $2.00 PROPOSITION IS THE BEST BARGAIN.

So, all you grand old war-horses out there in the field, who have been doing the real WORK, while we've been sitting back here in G.H.Q. throwing the baloney, just keep grinding away, and piling 'em in. NO QUARTER, THE YANKEE DIVISION IS ON THE ADVANCE!

YD CLUB OF BOSTON---MILITARY BALL

How the dickens they expect a fella to sit down at a piece of white paper, with nothing more colorful to work with than a black typewriter ribbon, and paint a picture even faintly resembling the YD Club of Boston Military Ball at the Hotel Copley Plaza, on the night of December 8, is one of those mysteries into which a reporter constantly finds himself plunged.

We could say it was a social success. But it was more than that. We could say it was a brilliant social success. But it was more than THAT. We could say it was a financial success. Which is true—in a big way, to the tune of seven or eight hundred dollars. But hang it all, it was more than THAT. What was it, then? We'll tell you what it was, if this old L. C. Smith can stand the sudden strain. It was the goldurnest, chest-bustingest, ring-tailed humdinger of EVERY KIND of a success; the most faultless, brilliant, sparkling, merry, tuneful, colorful, scintillating event that this Club, or any other Club, veteran or non-veteran, ever put across in the Copley Plaza or any other place in town, or in any other town, this year or any year, either in the nature of a ball or any other damn thing! That's what it was, and we'd like to hear from the bird who says it wasn't.

We'll shoot it to you—O. O. McIntyre style—about the only way to get all angles of the picture quick enough to form a whole. The beautiful Plaza Ball Room, ideal, not too large nor too small, with just the right atmosphere in just the proper dose; blood-stirring rhythm of Ruby Newman's orchestra; uniforms of Legion blue, Army O.D., civilian black and white, and the First Corps of Cadets cream and pale blue; the staccato accent in this color symphony of brilliant flashing hues of ladies' gowns; the swirl of dancers, the flash of happy smiles, the countless nods of recognition. And from the boxes on the balcony floor, the flags of the United States, her Allies, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the YD Club, the YD Post.

Everywhere merriment and jovial good cheer, in the anterooms and lobbies, talking, laughing, chatting groups. Not a sour note. Not a sign of aloofness, not a sign of poor taste or unruly conduct, and yet never a hint of standing on dignity or holding in restraint. Just the free, good natured, happy intermingling of a perfect democracy at its best. Everybody happy and every single, solitary soul, at every single, solitary second a gentleman or a lady as the case might be. It made one want to shout aloud in pride of the old Yankee Division. It was everything that such an affair could hope to be; even racking our brain to think of something that could have been improved, we can think of not one.

Who was there and what did they wear? Darned if we know; it looked like everybody was there, and they were all wearing clothes of one sort or another: DOINGS has no society editor nor any style expert. We only know when folks look punk and when they look swell. Everybody we saw came in the latter class. Either through the mellowing effect of the years, or the gentle insistence of wives, we've outgrown the notion that to dress up makes us high-hats or softies. And sure it was a fine lookin' body of men.

A word for the ladies, God bless 'em. Speaking of veterans' preference, we never saw the law which extended it to the matrimonial field, but after the Ball, we know the law must be there and we must have missed hearing about it. Because this YD gang of ours has surely picked off the cream of the crop.

What did the orchestra play? Hanged if we know: dance music of some sort—and it must have been good, everybody said it was. Who occupied the boxes? Aw, why go into that? The fella that paid his two bucks and took his wife or his girl had just as good a time and perhaps did just as much to help the affair financially, in proportion to what he had, as the man or woman who took a box.

But if only to show the sort of support the Ball Committee received from officers and men of the Division, as well as those who, although never a part of it have been its staunch friends through the years, a list of box holders follows. Not all of these men were able to be present, but the fact that they subscribed to a box shows they were there in spirit.

Box holders: Col. WILLARD B. LUTHER, Brig. Gen. FRANCIS V. LOGAN, Lt. Col. CARROLL J. SWAN, RALPH ROBART, JOHN MACNEIL, Col. JAMES RIVERS, ALEXANDER ELLIS, JAMES J. PHELAN, F. NATHANIEL PERKINS, ALLAN FORBES, YD Post, 290, American Legion, The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., Judge JOHN C. LEGGAT, Hdqtrs. 182nd Infantry, M.N.G., Brig. Gen. JOHN H. SHERBURNE, Col. GEORGE A. PARKER, Col. ROGER ECKFELDT, Brig. Gen. DANIEL NEEDHAM, Brig. Gen. ARTHUR DESMOND, Maj. Gen. ERLAND F. FISH, Brig. Gen. CHARLES H. COLE. The Adjutant General JOHN AGNEW, Brig. Gen. THOMAS FOLEY, Col. ROBERT E. GOODWIN, WILLIAM GAGNEBIN, Major JUDSON HANNIGAN, HORACE BRIGHT, the 101st Field Artillery, GEO. WM. BENTLEY JR., WARREN F. FREEMAN JR., STEWART JOHNSTON, Col. HORACE Z. LANDON, Judge KENNETH JOHNSON, Lieut. Norman Prince Post, V.F.W., Capt. THEODORE STORER, Lt. Col. WILLIAM J. BLAKE, The Cunard Line, Mrs. Nathaniel Emmons.

Special credit should be (and hereby is) given to JIM BARRY (101st Inf.) for placing before the Ball Committee the idea of having boxes and obtaining box subscriptions.

Two unusual features were provided in the intermission at about 10:45. The first was an exhibition drill by a company of the First Corps of Cadets, in dress uniforms, showing the old and the new manual of close order drill. The manoeuvres were superbly executed and brought great applause. The other was the sounding of Taps at 11:00 P.M., for the Division's dead, by the YD Junior Drum and Bugle Corps, the sons and daughter of members of the YD Club or YD Post, in their bright red uniforms. This the youngsters did in a way to bring envy to the heart of many a grown-up corps—a really beautiful touch.

It is always dangerous to try, in any account of an affair of this sort, to give the names of those whose planning and hard work made it all possible, and whose perseverance ended in success. Dangerous because it is almost impossible not to leave out some name which should be in. Nevertheless, it would be still more ungracious to pass by without honor where honor is due. We will do our best.

A place in the sun, all by himself, for good old AL BARNARD, General Chairman of the Ball Committee. Here was generalship, and success was the one and only reward he hoped for. He has it.

The other members of the Committee who did yeoman work in the weeks and months preceding the Ball, but who felt it was all worth while in view of the success of their efforts, as furnished to YANKEE DOINGS by Chairman BARNARD, are:

JAMES BARRY, BENJAMIN JAMES, ROBERT DUNCAN JR., KENNETH POULTON, FRED JACKSON, WILLIAM SNYDER, H. GUY WATTS, JAMES LYNCH, TIMOTHY J. MULCAHY, WILLIAM P. RILEY, FRED T. "TED" WILSON, GEO. WM. BENTLEY, JOSEPH GAVIN, JOSEPH C. SIMMONS, ANTHONY ROCK, HAROLD J. SMITH, RALPH M. EASTMAN, STEWART JOHNSTON, A. JOHN HALFENSTINE, WILLIAM J. BROWN, E. DOUGLAS MACPHERSON, GEORGE L. NEWMAN, WINFRED F. "DICK" WHITE, WALLACE C. DAY. This list was furnished DOINGS over the telephone by AL BARNARD, who gave the names from memory with no written list before him; he wished it stated that it was his sincere wish that he had left no one out; if he had, for everyone to know it was most certainly unintentional.

If space permitted, it would be possible to tell what particular fine piece of work each of the above contributed, but it would take many columns to do it. Each had his assignment, and each carried it out.

Credit must also be given to: Capt HAROLD J. SMITH, President of the YD Club of Boston, both for his personal co-operation, and for the ushers picked from the non-commissioned officers of the 26th Tank Co., M.N.G., of which Harold is Commanding Officer; to the First Corps of Cadets, and in particular to Capt. Juthe and his company of finely drilled men who put on the exhibition drill; to radio station WNAC, and particularly to Mr. Linus Travers and GEORGE BENTLEY for spot-broadcasting privileges during the week preceding the Ball; the several regimental and battalion veterans' associations of the "old outfits" which sent out special notices to their members; to the publication "The Massachusetts Guardsman", the organ of the M.N.G., and its editor, Carl Hanson, who, through the good offices of JOE GAVIN, gave the space for a large advertisement of the Ball. Also to many others who, by their support, proved that the name of the Yankee Division still stands high in the esteem of the people of Boston, also to Mr. FRANK GLYNN, of the Jordan Marsh Co., who did a masterly job in handling the newspaper advance publicity; to Mrs. Adele Hendrickson, President of the YD Club Auxiliary and Mrs. Anna Lane, President of YD Post Auxiliary for their full cooperation and support.

It is the unanimous opinion of everyone who attended, and, for that matter, of every member of the YD Club of Boston, that this Military Ball shall become an annual fixture. This was the first attempt: who can tell—possibly even greater ones lie in the future—although that scarcely seems possible.

—P.N.S.

CITATION

From: National Vice President for Connecticut.
Subject: Division Citation BARNEY T. CLARKE (LM).

1. Provisional Captain BARNEY T. CLARKE, Noroton Sector, Noroton, Connecticut, formerly Mess Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 102nd Infantry, A.E.F., is hereby commended for gallantry in action over and above the usual call of duty and is recommended for division citation. Captain CLARKE of his own accord having heard the call "Fix Bayonets" volunteered and did personally underwrite immediately the quota for his own sector and did later send in the full quota of names of those subscribing to our urgent cause. This manoeuvre was executed with precision and dispatch. Since taking his first objective he has sent in other names not called for in line of duty.

2. Having so gloriously taken his own objective he has proceeded to urge forward and inspire his comrades in the vicinity of his own sector and in other sectors of this command in the performance of their duty.

3. He has voluntarily aided the commanding officer of the State Sector in the organization of his sectors of this command.

4. In addition he has of his own volition applied for Life Membership in our Association and in this particular respect has single-handed and under fire accomplished the usual work of a full platoon of men.

The above feats of valor for our worthy cause have been accomplished under withering fire of enemy depression troops. I therefore recommend that Provisional Captain BARNEY T. CLARKE be cited in Division Orders and that he receive a personal commendation of the National President of the Y.D.V.A.

DANA T. LEAVENWORTH,
National Vice Pres. for Conn.
Major, Commanding Conn. Sector

"THEM BLANKETY-BLANK SPECIAL REVIEW BOARDS"

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Having served on one of the so-called "Special Boards of Review" of the U.S. Veterans Administration, during the past ten weeks, the writer feels impelled to try to clear up some of the confusing points regarding the rules under which these Boards operated, and the method in which they tried to fulfill the trust reposed in them. Of course, he cannot speak from first-hand knowledge of the functionings of any Board, either here in Boston, or in any other city, except the one on which he served. But it is not unfair to assume that, perhaps with here and there a notable exception, they all did their utmost to be both as just and as generous as the laws under which they operated would allow.

First of all, what was their job? Under certain veteran legislation of past years, certain disabilities, notably tuberculosis, neuro-psychiatric disorders (including insanity), and some other chronic diseases were to be "presumed" as due to military service if their existence prior to January 1, 1925, could be established. Thus established, these disabilities were compensable. Legislation of last Spring reversed this opinion and dropped all such cases from the roles. Following a period of protest, the President, in whose hands great power had been placed by Congress, announced that all these so-called presumptive cases would be reviewed by special boards, composed of five, three of whom should not have been in the employ of the Bureau at the time of the enactment of the act. Instructions under which these Boards were to act were then drawn up and the Boards appointed. Let it be clearly understood that these Boards had no jurisdiction whatever in any cases excepting those which had previously been compensable under the presumptive clauses.

The purpose of these Boards was to determine, in so far as humanly possible, whether or not, from a careful and judicial review of all the facts, including medical attention, continuity of gainful employment, reports of medical examinations, medical and lay affidavits—whether or not the disability in question had its origin or a degree of aggravation in military service. Furthermore, the instructions explicitly stated that the "Burden of proof shall be on the Government, the veteran to receive the benefit of any reasonable doubt."

It can readily be seen that the cases coming up for review fell into three groups: 1. Those in which it was reasonably clear that military service had nothing to do with the disability in question, such as cases where the sudden onset of some acute disease, following a period of good health, first showed up in 1923 or 1924; such diseases as are known to come suddenly without long periods of incubation; 2. Those in which military service was quite evidently the underlying causative factor, such as nervous instability manifesting itself within a short time following discharge from an enlistment with long and arduous battle records; with no other apparent cause, and 3. Those in which no human being could definitely tell whether the disability was due to service or not. The instructions covering this latter group were to the effect that, unless the preponderance of evidence was against service connection, the veteran should be given the benefit of the doubt and service connection retained, and speaking only for my own Board, this was ALWAYS done, if not by unanimous vote, then by those who believed a reasonable doubt existed.

Perhaps the most common misunderstanding which I have encountered among Yankee Division comrades is that the Special Review Boards had the authority either (1) to establish service connection arbitrarily in any case which appealed to their sympathy without giving rhyme or reason; or else (2) to grant service connection unless the Government had proven, definitely, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that it was not warranted. That this was not true, I quote the following paragraph from the Instructions:

> "In the event the evidence is conflicting one is not justified in applying the rule or policy of resolving the doubt in favor of the claimant if the true state of facts may be obtained by a *preponderance* of the evidence." (The italics are ours.)

In other words, the only time the "doubt" was to be allowed to come into the picture was in cases where it was impossible to be sure, but reasonable to believe, that military service MIGHT have been the cause. In those cases, at least in the Board with which the writer was connected, the veteran was given the benefit of the doubt. Of course, at that point personal opinion enters in, and several times when at least three, and sometimes four, of the other members felt convinced that service COULD NOT have had anything to do with a certain case, the writer still felt—having been in the game himself—that it MIGHT, and in those cases he, together with any other who felt as he did, dissented and appealed from the majority decision.

Just one more thing, and we'll end this long-winded harangue. Simply because we were there, under oath to obey and carry out the law as it was given to us,

did not imply that all or any of us were in absolute agreement with the justice of the law itself.

These men were granted compensation at one time, and it was reasonable for them to believe it was to continue so long as the disability itself continued. To take it away, and make it necessary to show, after fifteen years, that service connection was warranted, or at least to show enough to rebut any possible proof that it was not, seems a pretty tough deal. Furthermore, to enact a law depriving a hopeless, total invalid of all but thirty dollars of what little he has had to live on in his helplessness, after once granting it to him, seems pretty cruel, even if his service wasn't the cause.

But the Special Review Boards only executed the law—to the best of their human ability—as upright men under oath to their country: they did not make the laws. If any one can believe that the job was without its heartaches when duty pointed one way and human sympathy another; if any one can believe that one single case was coldly turned down while a single lingering doubt remained that it might be allowed; then they labor under a misapprehension which we sincerely hope this letter will allay.

—Philip N. Sanborn
(F Co., 101st Engrs.)

Hyde Park, Mass.
December 11

A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

This fella Melbert Cary (103rd F.A.), whose privately printed volume "Mademoiselle from Armentieres" is told about elsewhere in this issue, is an original sort of cuss.

He runs a print shop known as "The Press of the Woolly Whale" over in New York (N.Y.). And from it he turns out some unique and beautiful pieces of craftsmanship. But his latest is a "natural". We'll tell you about it in a minute, but first let it be explained that this delight to the heart of a collector is not going to be put on the market. He refuses to make a commercial proposition out of it. But a few lucky YD men can get in on it through old friendship's sake.

It's a deck of cards, men, but such cards as you, nor anyone else has ever seen before. The backs have the YD monogram, but it is on the joker and court cards that imagination and artistry are given full play. Here are the kings, all in the overseas uniform of officers, with stars, eagles and oak leaves on their chapeaux. The conventionalized impedimenta of war surround them in most artistic array: shells, rifles, field glasses, decorations and campaign bars on their chests; the jacks are lesser guys such as shavetails and the like; while the queens bear striking resemblance to some of the ladies of the demi-monde those of us who got to Paris can perhaps remember. The joker is the old regimental insignia of Cary's own outfit, the 103rd Field Artillery, the "Kaiser's Own"; dachshund, German helmet and all—in colors of course. The ace of spades boasts his highness, "The Woolly Whale". You can get one deck, and one only, while they last (there are only a few), by sending $1.00 to Melbert B. Cary, 1009 Park Ave., New York, N.Y. IF—YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION. This represents less than the amount it cost him for the special color plates; and they can be obtained in no other way.

Take it from one who has seen them, we wouldn't part with our deck for a good many times that much. They're a knockout.

PRODIGAL DAYS

God threw color at the hills,
Bombarded the forests old;
He used the paint-pot of the sun
To drench the glades with gold.

His trail was flaming crimson
By a thousand winding streams,
And a myriad clustering valleys
Were agasp in a flood of dreams.

Heaven's lavish hoards are rifled
To rouge the horizon's lips,
And treasure unimagined
Upon the meadow drips.

But human hearts are padlocked,
And human hands withhold;
For dearth of loving kindness
We wither and grow old.

Oh, that our souls might kindle
At October's blazing pyre;
Till, prodigal as autumn,
Our lives in love expire!

Harry W. Bugbee,
Highgate, Vt.

SEES BRIGHT DAYS FOR YD

Editor of Yankee Doings:

Thanks, old-timer, for the write-up. I hope it will stimulate the faith and courage we had in other years. We had a wonderful meeting Friday night, at the YD Club, South Norwalk; all present agreed that we write for the first Charter to be issued in Conn.

Bill Adams's (and my) dream has at last come true. All new members I signed up during the drive, I collected their dues for membership in YD Club of South Norwalk, soon to be South Norwalk Chapter. I think this will mean the start of other Chapters in Conn.

Yours in YD spirit,
—Barney T. Clarke

Noroton, Conn.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO MAYOR CURLEY

If ever the Yankee Division, and all other veterans, have had a friend in public office, it has been Hon. James M. Curley, for the past four years, and for two like terms in earlier years, the Mayor of Boston. It is customary when a new mayor is about to take office to concentrate all favors and kind words on the one who is coming in. About all the man going out gets. to quote Mayor Curley himself, is "the raspberry".

But the veterans of Greater Boston are determined that Mayor Curley shall not step down without having been made aware of the esteem in which they hold him.

So, at the Hotel Copley Plaza, on Saturday evening, December 30, a big testimonial dinner is to be held. All veteran bodies are co-operating with the Military Order of the World War, which has been chosen by all, acting together, to take the official sponsorship. Through its President, Col. WILLIAM J. BLAKE, the YD Veterans Association has pledged its support to the M.O.W.W.

All veterans and ladies who so desire are invited to attend. The tickets are $2.50 per plate, and may be obtained from Major EDWIN S. COOPER, c/o Military Order of the World War, Cadet Armory, Columbus Ave., Boston.

The world famous speaker, Mr. Lowell Thomas, has been secured as one of the speakers of the evening.

"MUTUAL HELPFULNESS"

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Several weeks ago I wrote TIMOTHY F. HORGAN, First Sergeant, U.S. Infantry, retired, Fire Department, Waterbury, Connecticut, asking for an affidavit concerning certain incidents in connection with an injury I received while "over there" as a member of his company, Company A, 102nd Infantry. He not only complied with my request, but went to the extra trouble of looking up several other fellows familiar with the case and asked them for affidavits in turn.

I consider this a very gracious act and think it is only fitting to let his outfit know that I think they have one of the finest fellows in the organization within their ranks.

—VERNON B. WILLIAMS

Los Angeles

YD JUNIOR BUGLE AND DRUM CORPS

You should have seen those youngsters in their red uniforms at the YD Club Ball, and heard them blow taps.

If you have a youngster old enough to blow a bugle or beat a drum, send 'em or take 'em in to DICK WHITE at the Club on a Sunday afternoon. Here is just about one of the liveliest and finest outfits connected with the old YD. They're great kids, that's what they are, yes, sir!

WHO ARE THE LUCKY SEVEN?

Here are a couple more samples from that highly diverting and original masterpiece, "Mademoiselle from Armentieres", edited (but not censored) by MELBERT B. CARY, JR. (103rd F.A.) of New York City, head man of the Press of the Woolly Whale. These are "just a beginning, boys, just a be-gin-ning!"

If you harbor in the deep and unsanctified recesses of your memory any of the ribald verses of this old favorite A.E.F. ditty, won't you jot them down and send them to CARY at 1009 Park Ave., New York City. He hopes to get out a second volume.

The "Y" men gave us smokes and socks,
Parlez-vous,
They gave us chocolate by the box,
Parlez-vous,
They gave us whatever they couldn't sell,
And we love them all—we do like hell!
Hinky-dinky, parlez-vous.

She might have been young for all we knew,
Parlez-vous,
She might have been young for all we knew,
Parlez-vous.
She might have been young for all we knew
When Napoleon flopped at Waterloo,
Hinky-dinky, parlez-vous.

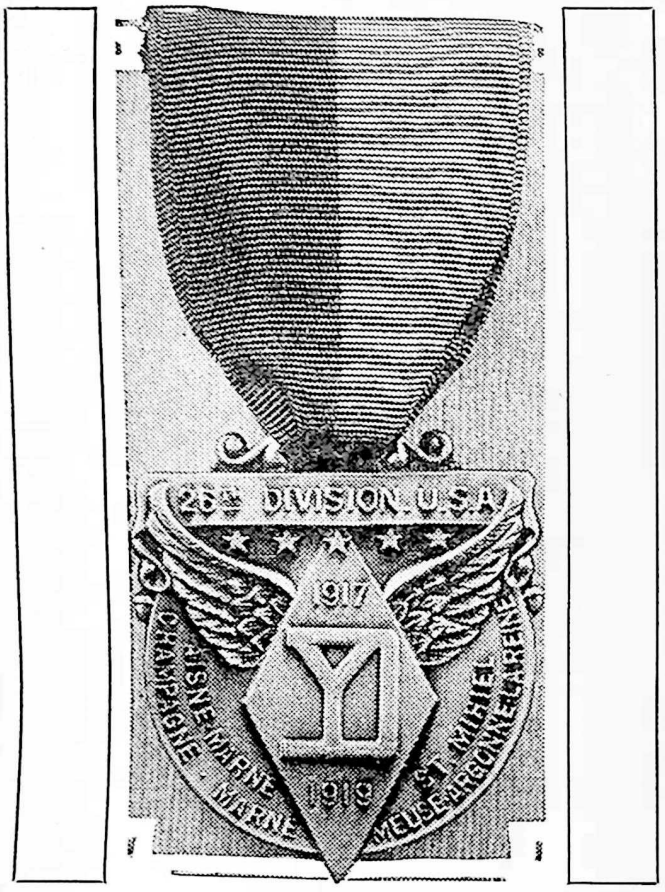
A copy of this beautifully bound little volume, which no money can buy ($100 has been offered for a single copy), will go to the first seven Captains in the YD Mobilization who go over the top and reach the quota assigned their city or town. A copy goes to the first Sector Major who reaches the quota for his sector. And they have till April 1 to do it!

It is believed that one or two of the smaller cities and towns have already gone over. If so will the Sector Captain please write to the Y.D.V.A.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVISION MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

"An Emblem of Distinction"

Here it is. If you haven't yours yet, send for it today. $1.50 to members. $2.00 to other YD men. If not a member send copy of your discharge.



Your Victory Medal shows you served the Flag in time of War. This Medal shows HOW you served it: in the ranks of New England's Yankee Division.

GOTHAM GLEANINGS

A letter from WALTER I. MARTIN (B Co., 101st Amm. Tr.) of Franklin Sq., N.Y., contains several items of news from a sector seldom heard from, New York City and surrounding territory.

BILL FOERCH (104th Inf.) was installed Commander of Roger Patterson Post, A.L., Mineola, L.I., on October 28.

HENRY SCHOENBERGER (104th Inf.) manages a chain store in Franklin Square, N.Y. CHARLIE GIBBS (101st Amm. Tr.), JOE O'CONNOR (102nd Amb. Co.) and MAROTTA (104th Inf.) live in town (whether meaning Franklin Square or N.Y.C. writer does not say).

Met WALTER J. KANZ of my old outfit at Convention in Chicago, also a number of other YD men.

I see AL SHRIVER (E Co., 102nd Inf.) quite often; he is a proud daddy for about a year. Was with FREDDIE KULDA for several hours in Los Angeles.

YD POST, 290, AMERICAN LEGION

The following officers were installed at the meeting on October 9:

Commander: SABINE C. SOUSA; Vice Commanders: JAMES H. LYNCH, WILLIAM RILEY, JOSEPH SIMMONS; Adjutant: HAROLD GILLIS; Finance Officer: JOHN F. COLLINS; Chaplain: WILLIAM J. DAVIS; Historian: HENRY R. CHAPIN; Sgt. at Arms: JOHN F. GOODE; Judge Advocate: GEORGE L. NEWMAN; Executive Committeemen: ALBERT W. BARNARD, GEORGE CRONIN, MARK KING, ROBERT DUNCAN, JR., WILLIAM LAWLOR, FRED T. WILSON, JAMES D. WOOD.

The installation was performed by Department Vice Commander Kent. Past Department Commander ROSE was among the many present. Refreshments were served, followed by dancing until 1:00 A.M.

Officers and members of the Post turned out in great numbers at the YD Club Military Ball on December 8, the Post being the holder of a box, with the Post colors displayed. This sort of fine co-operation between the Post and the Club helps both.

Unfortunately, no account of more recent Post meetings has been turned in to DOINGS, and your editor, although a member in good standing of the Post, seldom finds it possible to attend the meetings, due to the press of Y.D.V.A. work.

YD POST 290 TO RUN STAG PARTY

A Stag Party will be run by YD Post 290, at the YD Club in Boston, on the evening of Wednesday, January 24. All members of Post and Club are urged to be present, as it will be just a regular old-fashioned good time.

Entertainment will be provided, including the "Black and Tan Entertainers" from Detroit, and refreshments served including punch.

Tickets at 75 cents can be secured at the desk of the YD Club.

SINCLAIR WEEKS RE-ELECTED MAYOR

In a contest which aroused a higher degree of interest throughout Metropolitan Boston than any other suburban contest of the year, Mayor SINCLAIR WEEKS (B Batt., 101st F.A.), of Newton, was re-elected to office by better than a 2 to 1 vote on December 11.

GEN. NEEDHAM SUFFERS ACCIDENT

Gen. DAN NEEDHAM, C.G., 51st Field Artillery Brigade, and Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Safety, had the ill fortune to suffer a fractured shoulder, early in December, incurred when the polo pony upon which he was mounted stumbled and fell. All wish him a speedy recovery.

AMONG THE YD CLUBS AND CHAPTERS

This department of DOINGS is compiled this month to include not only the regular news releases of the regular, officially chartered chapters, but also brief accounts of meetings held in various cities and towns in connection with the YD Mobilization. In some cases, these meetings decided to organize along lines of a chapter; many applications for charters will doubtless be received in the coming weeks. In the necessarily crowded time during which this issue of DOINGS is being compiled, it is possible only to tell the facts of what happened at the meetings. Simply because these many meetings are grouped under one department, sometimes receiving only an inch or more of space, let no one assume they are not, in many cases, worthy of a full two-column head and a full page spread. Such events as the big mass meeting at Providence on November 1; the Annual Armistice Chow Night of the YD Club of Lynn, on the evening of November 9; the Military Ball of the YD Club of Lowell on October 26; and others would, in leaner days, have merited and received the position of a lead article, all by themselves. The whole point is that so darn MUCH has been going on that if we were so attempt to write it ALL up to the length it deserved, you wouldn't receive this issue until next summer some time. Try then to picture these meetings from the description given, not from the amount of space occupied in print.

YD CLUB OF PORTLAND (CH)

Old news which arrived just too late for the November number:

On November 21, the following Club officers were installed: President, MALCOLM L. STODDARD; Vice-President, OWEN P. BENTON; Secretary, LEON E. HALL; Treasurer, CHARLES SULLIVAN; Officer of the Day, HAZEN O. HAGAR; Chaplain, ORIN H. TYLER.

Club notes with gratification Portland Telegram's recognition of Col. HUME as Congressional or gubernatorial timber.

PERCY WITHAM and ELMER PURINGTON, watchmen at Portland National Bank.

Five YD men elected as officers of Stephen W. Manchester Post of Westbrook: CLEVE PARKER (103rd Inf.), Commander; OSCAR ROCHLEAU (103rd F.A.), 1st Vice; HOWARD SOPHER (103rd Inf.), 2nd Vice; ELMER WINSHIP (101st Engrs.), Sgt. at Arms; ALBERT TWOMBLEY (103rd F.A.). Finance Officer.

Portland Club Auxiliary held very successful Hallowe'en Party, October 27.

Now for the more recent news:

A clipping from the Boston Post dated Jan. 20, 1932, was brought to our attention the other day, concerning one Amedio Malaguli. The clipping stated that he was a member of F Co., 103rd Inf. None of the F Co. gang here in Portland seem to remember him. It was said that a hand grenade exploded in his TROUSERS pocket and as a result he was permanently disabled! We don't doubt that.

One of Portland's enterprising merchants gave one of its workers (a YD man) a week's vacation for leaving his job long enough to take a drag at a Lucky. It might have been a Chesterfield but it was a mighty small thing to do, these times. Does the boasted Code require that?

Doc. Lester L. Powell returned home from his trip to the big woods with an eight point buck. Give the Doc. a great big hand.

Orchids to the Stephen Manchester Post, A.L., of Westbrook for extending us an invitation to march with them in the Armistice Day parade held in Portland.

It is expected that Hall will be charged with assault and battery, mayhem and all other crimes related thereto as the result of a head (mostly head) on collision with a member of the above named Post of the American Legion.

What prominent member of the Portland Club got lost the other day and found himself, where? Was his face red? We don't know. It was too dark to tell.

James Cunningham (F Co., 103rd Inf.) has been chosen as Historian of the Frank R. Connors Post, A.L., of Guilford, Maine. Go up and see him some time.

We hope that E. K. H. won't get the idea that we are after his job by sending in so many items not connected with the Portland Club.

Those who failed to show up at our last meeting, Nov. 21st, sure missed a good time. The affair started off with a bean (baked) supper under the direction of our Auxiliary, and we want you people to know that when they put on a supper it is a good one.

Under the direction of Bill Palmer, we had a very interesting entertainment; we don't know how he does it but he sure knows where and how to get 'em. Then came the installation of officers by Louis Donahue, Malcolm Stoddard, Pres. Owen P. Benton, V.P. Chas. Sullivan will look after the cash, when he gets it, Leon E. Hall will persuade the Mrs. to write his letters. Hazen Hagar will go to bed nights so he can act as Officer of the Day, and Top Tyler will start going to church so that he can do our praying. Just imagine a Top Sgt. being appointed a Chaplain! They don't know Nellie like I do. If they could have heard him bawling me out one time, in Liffol Le Grand, they would buy him an asbestos Bible.

Another feature of the meeting was the presentation of YD jewels to Mrs. Hagar, Pres. of the Auxiliary and to Mac. Stoddard by Mr. King, Past Pres. Erickson being his assistant in the first case and Mrs. Hagar the assistant in the second case. Vic,

how did you get that way?

Not being used to putting words on paper, no doubt we have left out a lot about the meeting that should be said, but reporting things of this kind is not our line. We hope you can understand it. You will have to until we get somebody else.

Did you know that we have five members in the Police Dept.? Harold Keating, Clayton Starbird, Leroy Greely, Jack Ward and "Whitey" Thompson.

Did you know that the Stewart Morrill Post, A.L., of South Portland has five Past Commanders that are YD men? 'sfact.

We forgot to mention that the next morning after our supper the PWD announced that a part of Back Bay would be dredged.

E. K. Hale was in town the night of our meeting long enough to say, Hello. Stay longer next time E. K. H.

Hear ye! Hear ye! The Portland YD Club wishes to let the world knqw that we will hold our meetings from now on at the Chamber of Commerce building, Free St. and Congress St. Next meeting will be on Dec. 19 Pee Hem.

We will have a turkey shoot on that date so that the Artillery can show the Infantry how they used to shoot. A detail from the Engineers will inter the losers.

Have you got a good deed lined up for the first week in January, if not, why not send a card to Col. Hume, Houlton, Maine. His birthday is on Jan. 7th. He ought to get at least a thousand cards. Go to it.

We forgot to mention that the Executive Committee were also put into their stalls the other night. Larry Jerkins, Malcolm Stoddard, Louis Donahue, Chas. Sullivan, Owen P. Benton and Bill Palmer, who will be Chairman.

Now if the Editor can understand this batch of dope perhaps it will get into the DOINGS.

"MINNE LA TOUR."

YD CLUB OF WATERVILLE (CH)

No news since last issue.

YD CLUB OF MANCHESTER, N.H. (CH)

Holding meetings regularly. Special meeting to be held on Friday, December 15 (too late for this issue), which will be attended by the National officers.

YD CLUB OF CONCORD (CH)

Nine new members, as noted elsewhere. Holding meetings regularly. Request from Sec.-Treas. RALPH BARTLETT that all totally disabled YD men be placed on free list for YANKEE DOINGS, received and granted, subject to approval of Chapter officer.

YD CLUB OF NASHUA (CH)

A fine gathering of about 50 YD men, many of them already members at the first of the evening, and nearly all before the end, gathered in Nashua, under Pres. ELIOT A. CARTER'S leadership, on the evening of October 26, to sit down to a delicious home-cooked dinner, prepared by the ladies of the Auxiliary of the local Post. Following the dinner, Maj. EDWIN COOPER showed his "Flashes of Action" of the 26th Division, explaining as he went along. The National President, Col. BLAKE; the Nat. V. P. for N.H., BILL SAYERS; and the National Secretary, PHIL SANBORN, attended and explained the progress of the YD Mobilization. A number of new members signed up, bringing Nashua within sight of its goal.

YD CLUB OF KEENE, N.H.

On Nov. 8, 20 members of the YD Veterans Association in Keene, N.H., met and voted to apply for a charter as a chapter of the YD Veterans Ass'n. The following temporary officers were elected: President, DANIEL G. EMERY; Secretary, JAMES A. WINN; Treasurer, NILS O. OLSSON.

YD CLUB OF BOSTON (CH)

The Military Ball of the YD Club of Boston (CH) at the Copley Plaza Hotel on December 8, was one event which just can't be crammed into a brief space in this department. It appears all by itself elsewhere.

The regular November monthly smoker was held on November 22. The meeting was presided over by President HAROLD J. SMITH, and the speaker of the evening was Dr. William J. Brickley. As your regular reporter could not be present, and no written account has come to hand, this story is of necessity very, very brief; but knowing these smokers for many years, it was without any question the same as the scores of enjoyable get-togethers which have preceded it.

At the regular December smoker, on December 6, the speaker was former District Attorney "BOB" BUSHNELL of Middlesex County. He told some interesting facts concerning early attempts to control liquor during the days of the colonists, quoting from many an amusing old blue law. Final arrangements for the Military Ball were outlined by President HAROLD SMITH. JOHN J. KELLEY explained the monthly YD Club "drawings". Refreshments and free beer were served.

The YD Club of Boston (CH), along with all the rest of the YD world, is staging a grand, fighting return to prosperity.

YD CLUB OF LYNN (CH)

On October 30, a very successful Penny Sale was held.

One of the pleasantest events ever attended "around the circuit" by the National officers of the Y.D.V.A., President BILL BLAKE and Secretary PHIL SANBORN, was the Annual Armistice Chow Night of the YD Club of Lynn (CH) on November 9. We heard no actual account of attendance, but there surely must have been close to 300, men and women, who sat down in Fr. Matthews Hall to a delicious "feed" of roast turkey and all that goes with it. The hall was decorated with flags and posters of all the Division's engagements. This has been an annual affair with the Lynn Club every year since the War

The one and only born toastmaster, BILLY CONNERY himself, acted in that capacity, introducing each of the many speakers with just the proper story, telling a few of his own just for good measure.

Speakers included, His Honor Mayor Manning, recently re-elected, JOHN W. MORGAN, orator of the evening; President BILL BLAKE, Secretary PHIL SANBORN, both of whom spoke of the YD Mobilization, and congratulated the Lynn Club for its marvelous showing; and other local men, either members or staunch friends of the Club. Quite a number of highly entertaining acts were put on, comedy skits, musical and dancing numbers, by local professional or amateur talent, and not a dud among them.

In addition to its usual purpose, this meeting was the culmination of the Club's drive for members, more than 40 new ones being turned over to the Y.D.V.A. Five YD Medals were presented by President BLAKE to the five men who had gotten the most members. Unfortunately we haven't all the names, so we refrain from mentioning the ones remembered. The meeting was opened and closed by Pres. EDDIE DEE. The following comprised the committee for the affair: FRED HARRINGTON, Chm.; ROY KNOX, WALTER HURD, CHARLES KING, HUGH O'REGAN, ED SAULNIER, LARRY CONNERY.

YD CLUB OF LAWRENCE (CH)

No news since last issue.

YD CLUB OF BROCKTON

A movement, headed by ART LATHAM and WIN LLOYD, is under way to revive the old YD Club of Brockton and make it a chapter of the Y.D.V.A. They are holding meetings regularly. The National Secretary broke his official leave of absence long enough to go down there one night in November and address a small, but earnest and enthusiastic gathering on the possibilities for local chapters presented by the great Mobilization.

As the outcome of this, a bigger meeting was held on December 12, at which "COOP's" pictures were shown to a gathering of about 100 YD men and other veterans of Plymouth County including many wives and children. The National officers attended, and addressed the meeting. Watch Brockton!

YD CLUB OF FITCHBURG

A temporary organization has been formed in Fitchburg, with BILL MCBRIDE as Chairman, DAN NOONAN as Secretary, and ARTHUR SHEA as Treasurer, looking to the formation of a YD Chapter there. Meetings were held November 22 and December 6. You'll hear more about this Club in the near future.

YD CLUB OF WORCESTER

Here is an oufit your reporter doesn't know very much about. There IS such an organization, and according to all reports it's a live one, very much so.

The National President and Secretary, as well as the "Major" in charge of that sector, Gen. SLATE, are attending a grand mass meeting in Worcester on Thursday evening, December 14. There is to be radio broadcasting 'n' everything, and it looks from here like the old YD Club of Worcester would have the (CH) after it the next time you hear from it. Worcester is a field with great potentialities, and now that they have already built up a running machine, it should not take much to make it a part of that big family of chapters, the Y.D.V.A. The following officers are serving: Commander, JOSEPH P. O'LAUGHLIN; Vice Commander, THOMAS F. MCCARTHY; Treasurer, JOHN J. BROSNIHAN; Adjutant, TED NOYES.

YD CLUB OF LOWELL

What has been said of the YD Club of Worcester in the first paragraph could well be repeated of the YD Club of Lowell. There are all the makin's of a grand chapter there, but somehow or other, perhaps due to the inability of the National officers to cover the entire field, contact has not quite clicked.

Pres. BILL BLAKE and Sec. PHIL SANBORN, on the return from the meeting of the Nashua Club on October 26, dropped in at the Military Ball of the Lowell Club only to find they were too late. The Nasuha engagement had been contracted prior to notification of the Ball in Lowell. From all accounts the Ball was a great success, due in large measure to the personal energy of President JACK O'DEA.

Efforts will be made to get this Lowell question straightened out, so we can let readers know what the story is. President O'DEA feels, and perhaps justly so, that the National organization has failed to co-operate, but if so, it certainly has not been intentional.

YD CLUB OF SALEM

Nothing to report except that there seem to be rumblings of something about to happen in the Witch City, along the lines of reviving the old Club and making it an active affiliated chapter.

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

Following a smaller preliminary meeting, engineered by BIRD KEACH, during October, at the Armory of Mounted Commands, and attended by the Nat. Pres., Nat. Sec., Nat. Chaplain ROYAL K. HAYES, and former Pres. Col. WILLIAM J. KEVILLE, the Big Works were put on in Providence on November 1.

The smaller preliminary meeting was most successful in laying the groundwork for what was to follow. The officers mentioned above spoke to a carefully selected group of leaders, about thirty-five in number, representing different outfits and veteran groups, explaining the Mobilization. HAROLD TUCKER was appointed to execute plans for a big assembly on November 1. It was also decided at this meeting to form a Rhode Island Chapter with Hq. in Providence.

The November 1 meeting exceeded the fondest expectations of the National officers who attended, including Gen. "CHARLIE" COLE, Past President, and senior living officer. Scheduled for the Benefit Street Armory it absolutely outgrew the place, and when your reporter arrived, accompanying Col. BLAKE, there were as many hundreds out on the sidewalk, unable to get in, as there were inside.

A brief meeting elected Col. HAROLD BARKER President, with full power to do as he saw fit in all ways, and appoint all his other officers. His great popularity was attested by the immense enthusiasm greeting his election.

"COOP" was there with his pictures, and through his own efforts and those of BIRD KEACH, a regular motion picture house had been secured. We'd like to mention the manager's name, for his splendid co-operation and courtesy, but, alas, we have no record of it.

So, marching behind the 103rd F.A. (N.G.) full brass band, the entire assemblage crossed the center of the city, surely 600 strong, behind the new President, HAROLD BARKER, and the National officers. Up there in front also was former Governor NORMAN S. CASE, a YD man of course.

At the theatre, preceding the showing of the pictures, the meeting was addressed by Col. BARKER, Col. BLAKE, Sec. SANBORN, Gen. COLE, Gov. CASE, BIRD KEACH, and arrangements made to collect memberships at the doors. (See, elsewhere, BARKER'S 70 members in one enclosure.)

Then Major COOPER showed his "Flashes of Action", and never have they appeared to better advantage, or been received more enthusiastically.

We can't leave this account without a standing salute to one of the grandest old war-horses of them all, BIRD KEACH, who was at the bottom of this whole wonderful organization meeting. From now on, watch Rhode Island!

YD CLUB OF HARTFORD?

As told elsewhere, "Major" LEAVENWORTH writes that there is strong sentiment for the formation of a YD Chapter in Hartford. Nearly half of the 113 new members from Connecticut are from around Hartford, making already the nucleus of one of the largest future chapters in New England.

YD CLUB OF NORWALK, CONN.

There has been a YD Club in Norwalk since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. To us here at G.H.Q. it is symbolized in the person of good old BILL ADAMS, who has kept us informed of the goings-on down there for years. It has never been, or at least not since the early days, if then, a chapter of the Y.D.V.A. But apparently all that is about to change. Hear what BILL ADAMS says: "We in Norwalk claim distinction of first Connecticut Chapter .... AL HERMAN gave obligation to a large class on Friday, November 24 .... when that dear old diploma arrives it will have the names of over 30 names in Norwalk .... to be presented at a gala affair on December 22 .... we raffled off a radio and have a goodly sum in the treasury .... we are not stopping at 30 .... Danbury, Ridgefield and surrounding towns have been canvassed .... SAM MARCUS turned in 14 to 'Major' LEAVENWORTH .... BARNEY CLARKE, 14 more .... just heard that a poem of mine in DOINGS was reprinted in Chicago."

YD CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C. (CH)

This staunch old octogenarian among YD Chapters has not been heard from much lately. Hasn't the YD fever hit there yet, or are there too many fevers of governmental kinds in the Capital?

YD CLUB OF CHICAGO (CH)

For speedy growth among the younger Clubs, no other beats Chicago. Meeting of October 20, record turnout of 24, signed up ten new ones among the lot making total of 37.

On November 11, Merry-go-Round Party at Illinois Athletic Club, 21 YD people including wives (somebody must have forgotten his wife) forming part of a crowd of 1500—dinner—dance—show.

Regular monthly meeting November 14 .... 3 new members .... total 40. Plans laid for program for the winter.

YD CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (CH)

Old news which arrived too late for preceding issue:

Second Annual Picnic, Association of Combat Division, was held, Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, October 29. YD well represented. Four new members ....

(You're wrong, "G.K.," on the identity of "Trench Fever".)

Two regular meetings held in October. Col. MONTEITH gave glowing account of YD Reunion in Chicago during Legion Convention.

Now for the later stuff. This from "G.K.M.":

> Hey, what's the idea of leaving out the score of that famous ball game between the 102nd and 104th regiments in the November DOINGS write-up. Interest in the game was national, so please state that the Nutmegers won 13 to 12.
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> At our meeting on November 1st we had the pleasure of hearing from Mrs. Locke, widow of Capt. ARTHUR F. LOCKE (M Co., 102nd Inf.), an account of her trip to France last summer with the Gold Star Pilgrimage. She gave a detailed account of her travels over the old battlefields and of the trip to Capt. Locke's grave. It was all of great interest to an audience of Yankee Division men, and the boys enjoyed hearing her talk immensely. Mrs. Locke brought back many pictures and presented to the Chapter one of the Church at Belleau and another of the Memorial Fount at Seicheprey.
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> On Armistice Day we turned out as usual with

the other Combat Division Association, and as we passed the reviewing stand this announcement was made over the public address system to the thousands of people in the Coliseum:

"General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS' peerless Yankee (26th) Division from the New England States. Served one and one-half years in France. Cited nineteen times. Carries five battle clasps."

We got a tremendous ovation from the crowd as a result. Captain JOHN D. HARDY, B Co., 101st Ammunition Train, commanded our unit.

Our meeting on November 15th was preceded by a baked bean supper put on by the faithful and competent committee composed of Mess Sergeant PETE DRESSER, Mr. and Mrs. JIM RIPLEY and K P's BESHIRIAN, HEATH and BRADLEY.

We had as guests, Governor Balzar of Nevada and his staff physician. They came with Col. Montieth but stopped only long enough to extend greetings.

Capt. BILL PETERS of the 32nd Division, an old Sergeant-Major of the 5th Massachusetts, was another guest. Bill worked on the Boston Journal for some years and in that capacity enjoyed a personal friendship with General Edwards.

Other guests were a Mr. FITZGERALD of Boston and MALCOLM LETTS, Assistant Editor of the American Legion Weekly Bulletin, who likes our beans and says so.

We were all surprized and delighted to see our old buddy JIM NEWSUM (Hdqts. Co., 104th Inf.), who came down from the San Fernando Hospital where he has been a patient for nearly two years. Jim brought along another patient named Moore from Everett, Mass.

After the dinner we went up to the meeting hall to enjoy a show put on by DANNY MCCARTHY, (E Co., 104th Inf.). It was a great entertainment and Dan got a big hand for his efforts to please us.

JAMES O. RHODES,
832 So. Kenmore Ave.,
Los Angeles, California.
102nd Infantry (Will send Co. later)

YD CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD (CH)

Things around the local club are moving along smoothly, and quite a few new members have been signed up. Every meeting begins to take on the aspect of a reunion. New faces appear at each meeting, and we all believe that this Club is on the right road at last.

The Booster Day recently held here did much to help us. Some fifty YD men were registered and nearly all of these have been approached and some of them have joined. In addition to this nearly fifty dollars was also added to a much depleted treasury.

At our meeting on December 4, we voted to add to our membership our first honorary member, in the person of James Fiefield. This man is really a YD man in every way although he never enlisted.

Mr. Fiefield, a newspaper correspondent, was with us as early as 1916 at the Mexican Border. When the world war called us Mr. Fiefield was with the 104th throughout the war.

Last April at the annual 104th reunion, Mr. Fiefield was chosen to write the history of the regiment.

To further show Mr. Fiefield's interest in the YD: It was he who handled the publicity for our recent Booster Day, and no small amount of the success of the event belongs to him. We are proud to have him as a member.

An early trip to the Rutland Veterans' Hospital is being planned. A committee is working in co-operation with a committee from our Auxiliary.

New stickers for automobile windshields are being made. The division color scheme of kahki and blue is to form the background with the usual lettering including the city in which we are located.

—LEO P. T. JACQUES

HAWAIIAN SECTOR

Capt. VICTOR L. OLESON sailed from Hawaii for Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., on December 2.

Incidentally I found an ex-Lieut. Col. of the 104th Inf. here—he is Lieut. Col. ANTON C. CROSS, Hq. Special Troops, Schofield Barracks. I've sent him a Y.D.V. Assn. Application.

—L.F.D.

"SHORTS"

EDWARD L. WHITE of New Haven has announced his candidacy for mayor of that city.

YD Post 130, A.L., of New Haven, held its annual installation of officers on October 19 in Convention Hall. All YD men in Connecticut were invited.

A portrait of the late Major Daniel J. Murphy hangs in the room of the United Spanish War Veterans in the Massacusetts State House, the recent gift of his son, Gen. JOHN D. MURPHY.

A newspaper clipping, two columns in length, from the *Hartford Daily Courant*, tells the human interest story of how JOHN J. MCKENNA (102nd Inf.) spends his vacation money each year taking elderly poor people into the country on outings.

RAWDON W. MYERS (C Co., 101st M.G. Bn.) of Hartford, recently observed the 25th anniversary of his connection with the Aetna Life Insurance Co. of that city, of which he is a Vice President.

Col. JAMES L. HOWARD (101st M.G. Bn.) was recently re-elected President of the Hartford Club, Hartford, Conn.

It is with regret DOINGS announces that HENRY SULLIVAN (103rd F.A.), of the YD Club of Lynn, lost his sister in September, followed by the death of his mother in November. Also that JACK LA CASSE (103rd F.A.), member of YD Post 290, A.L., lost his sister on November 10.

The *Boston Sunday Globe* of November 26 devotes almost half a page to a featured, illustrated article by FRANK P. SIBLEY, on the Old Farmer's

Almanac, of which our own CARROLL J. SWAN is now editor, publisher, and owner.

DOINGS is in receipt of a copy of the address delivered by Hon. A. PIATT ANDREW (HM), at the unveiling of the World War Memorial Tablet in Newburyport on November 11, 1933. Nothing would be more gratifying than to have space to reprint it in full. We must content ourselves with one brief sentence: "War is not the worst of all evils that beset mankind: acquiescence in wrong is infinitely worse than forcible resistance to it."

TAPS

HARRY M. CONDIT, formerly of C Co., 101st Field Signal Battalion, died. YANKEE DOINGS is without information as to the date or circumstances.

HAROLD R. HALL, formerly of A Co., 101st Engineers, died on November 7, 1933. Funeral services were held on November 10, from the First Congregational Church, Watertown, Mass. He left a widow and three children.

JAMES E. COYLE, formerly Mess Sergeant of A Battery, 102nd Field Artillery, died on November 11, at the South Weymouth, Mass., Hospital. Funeral services were held from the Church of the Immaculate Conception, East Weymouth, on November 14.

CECIL CROSSMAN, formerly of F Co., 103rd Infantry, died as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on October 15. YANKEE DOINGS regrets inability to give name of city or town where death occurred, beyond the fact that he was a State of Maine man, the incomplete information being furnished by the correspondent of the Portland YD Club. Funeral services were conducted under the auspices of the Arthur B. Chadbourn Post, A.L., which may help identify the town for some readers.

STANLEY J. CLIFFORD, formerly of F Co., 101st Engineers, died on Sunday, November 19, after a long illness. Many members of his old company attended the funeral services from St. Theresa's Church, West Roxbury, on Wednesday, November 22. Every member of the company was notified of the services by former 1st Sgt. LEA REDFIELD. He left a widow and three children.

An unconfirmed report has reached YANKEE DOINGS that HAROLD M. BERRIE, formerly of L Co., 103rd Infantry, recently died. Berrie has been one of the Y.D.V.A.'s hardest workers in Concord, N.H., having much to do with the success of last summer's National Convention. Will the Concord YD Club please confirm or deny.

MISSING COPIES

ELLIOT K. HALE, Lisbon Falls, Maine, would like to buy, beg, borrow, steal or salvage the following: American Legion Weekly, Vol. I, No. 10, 1919; Vol. II, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 1920. YANKEE DOINGS, Vol. I, 1920, April and August; Vol. II, 1921, April and August. Can anyone help him out?

IN SUPPORT POSITION

YD AUXILIARY: BOSTON

Our annual Welfare Bazaar was held in November in the YD Club rooms and was a financial success, as reported by the chairman, Mrs. Edna Snape, at the November meeting. Mrs. Adele Hendrickson, President, was well pleased with the co-operation of the committee, members of the Auxiliary and their friends, and wishes to thank all who helped in any way to make this a success. To the YD boys who were very kind and donated, also those who purchased articles and lunch, many thanks from the President and Chairman, also thanks to Mr. Good.

Membership—President Mrs. Adele Hendrickson welcomed six new members within the past two months as members of our Auxiliary: Mrs. Florence Paden, Mrs. Florence Burbank, Mrs. Katherine Hanson, Mrs. Maud Rock, Mrs. May McPartland and Mrs. Annie La Casse; also two of our members who haven't attended meetings for some time, Mrs. Mary Towle and Mrs. Francis Goddard.

Sewing—A very enjoyable day is spent the last Wednesday of each month at the home of the President, Mrs. A. Hendrickson, 24 Royce Rd., Allston. Mrs. Travis, chairman, reports very good attendance and much needed work accomplished. Luncheon is served by the hostess.

The President reported on the Rutland Hospital visit, stating that 7 afghans, cigarettes, candy and jig-saw puzzles were among the gifts presented to the YD Veterans. A very representative group made the annual Rutland visit and were accorded every courtesy by Mrs. Nina Knott, recreational aide.

Members and friends of the Auxiliary made a second trip to "Moxieland" and after being escorted through the plant were served refreshments. Bridge and Whist were enjoyed and another enjoyable YD afternoon was at a close.

The officers and members of the Yankee Division Auxiliary of Boston extend to all the Yankee Division men and their families A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

—EDNA M. SNAPE
(Publicity)

YD AUXILIARY OF SPRINGFIELD

Although we haven't appeared in your fine paper for the last few issues does not mean we haven't been doing things.

During the month of September we had our usual meeting and voted to send cigarettes to our three hospitals, namely, Leeds, Newington, and Rutland.

We held a bridge party at the Villa and it was a success, which makes us all happy as that means more cigarettes and candy for the "boys".

Mrs. Margaret Johnson lost her father in September and we all sympathize with her.

October was rather a full month for us. October 15, the YD club held a Booster Day and all auxiliaries were invited. We welcomed Mrs. Hendrickson of Boston and enjoyed an afternoon of Pictures and speaking. After that part of the entertainment came to an end we invited Mrs. Hendrickson to join us in a dinner at the Highland Hotel, but she was unable to stay and we were very much disappointed—better luck next time. After seeing Mrs. Hendrickson off for Boston we went to the hotel and had a delightful dinner. Much fun was had among ourselves. We had a veteran for a waiter and did we get service! When the finger bowls were passed around, one lady insisted that she would not use it unless it had her favorite bath salts in it, and another one asked where the tooth brush was—oh well, we must have our jokes.

We had our annual YD Hallowe'en party and Mrs. Virginia Mackay was our gracious host. A fine time was had and they all said it was too bad that Hallowe'en did not come at least twice a year.

Yours truly,

MARION A. HOGAN, Cor. Sec'y

YD POST 290, LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Banquet and Installation of officers of the YD Post Auxiliary was held at Odd Fellows Hall, Dorchester.

The first event on the program was a turkey dinner and all the fixings.

Mrs. Catharine Collins, the retiring commander, welcomed the members of the Post and the Auxiliary and gave a brief resume of the work done by the Auxiliary the past year.

Commander S. A. SOUSA said, "There is nothing which gives the human emotions greater impetus than a mass of people working toward a great goal, an ideal achievement, a higher purpose, that of Service—service to our disabled members and their families. Your Auxiliary has done this many times and I, as representative of Post 290, thank you in behalf of my comrades.

Mrs. Wheaton, the installing officer, aided by Mrs. Bamberg, sergeant-at-arms, both from Suffolk County Council, had charge of the beautiful and impressive ritual in which the following ladies will officiate as officers of Post 290 Auxiliary this year. President, Anna Lane; S.V.P., Claire Poulton; Jr. V.P., Elna Speares; Secretary, Alice Goldman; Treasurer, Margaret Christie; Chaplain, Katherine Sheehan; Historian, Agnes La Casse. Executive Board, Catharine Collins, Estelle Carter, Lillian Duncan, Jean Taylor, Anna Sanford. All the officers past and present were presented with beautiful bouquets. Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Sheehan, Gold Star Mothers, were present.

The ceremonies of installation concluded, dancing was enjoyed to the strains of a three piece orchestra.

—M. J. M.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

I COMPANY

Co. I was represented in the line of march at the regimental reunion at Framingham in September by Comrades GRANT, CROSSMAN, HEALY, GILLISPIE, MOONEY, CARROLL, MCPHEE, TAYLOR, MARKMAN, BLAKELY, ED. WHITE, GEO. MCDONALD, GARDNER, CHAS. MCDONALD, MCKEY, WEST, JOHN, HIGGINS, KIVENAAR, CHAMPAIGN, WHITNEY, ZAPOLSKY, BENNET, H. MCDONALD, BERTON, KRIENSEN, and GALIPEAU.

After disbanding on the old Muster Field and while swapping reminiscences of their training days there 16 years before, it was suggested by comrades GRANT and CROSSMAN, former officers with the company in France, that the "boys" would adjourn to the Hotel Kimball where reservations had been made for a turkey dinner.

A unique feature of this dinner was the narration of the men of their work and activities since demobilization. GEO. MCDONALD was induced to relate his experiences in a German prison camp. CHET HIGGINS told how to run a poultry farm successfully and play a bugle in the YD Post A.L. Drum Corps. SOTIR A. JOHN gave a graphic description of the goldsmith's trade in Attleboro. LEANDER GALIPEAU related the

reason the gun-men give Mansfield a wide berth. MARKMAN, now commander of the Attleboro A.L. Post, told why his city will soon have the largest Legion Post in that part of the state. The old top kick of the company, now a "Loot" in the N. G., GEORGE GILLISPIE, spoke on the evils of liquor and tobacco among the guardsmen. Sergt. ED WHITE, now 63 years and a grandad several times, related a vivid experience in the Spanish-American war in Cuba when he spliced a cable which later resulted in the capture of hundreds of Spanish soldiers.

Comrade JOHN R. O'BRIEN died at the Chelsea Hospital in August.

A delegation of Co. I men under Comrade WALTER GRANT paid a last tribute to Comrade HERBERT PRESCOTT, who died as the result of an accident, and was buried from the Fudge Funeral Home in Somerville on Oct. 21st. Comrades HEALEY, MCCARTHY, O'MALLEY, MUSKER, MOONEY and MONAHAN acted as pallbearers. Several members and the color detail of the Columbia Post of the American Legion were present, with a firing squad from the Mass. National Guard. Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford.

—M. J. M.

No account has been received of Annual Company Reunion in Mansfield last month. —ED. DOINGS

M COMPANY

On November the 2nd, Past President DAN BRENNAN, 101st Infantry was inducted into the office of Commander of Lowell Post No. 87 A.L. Many of the boys from the club were present that night as well as many friends from the various companies. It was a great night for all concerned—County Commander JOHN WALSH from Waltham was the installing officer with the drill team from Watertown.

Corp. ED. BARTON was installed by the same suite officers November 23rd as Commander of Billerica Post 116.

GEO. L. MARSHALL, formerly "M" Co., was defeated for Commander of Newburyport Post because he was not a native.

ARCHIE MORAN is now Commander of the Hudson Post of the A.L.

Met JOHN SLATTERY, now residing in Whiting, Indiana, at the Chicago convention of the A.L.

JOHN L. PERRY has been living in the staid old town of Newburyport and is married.

Corp. DAN COAKLEY was appointed adjutant of Lowell Post No. 87 A.L.

ARTHUR MONTY was also appointed Sergt. at Arms.

What is the matter with those "Buddies" out there in the western part of the country, Ohio and Indiana, don't you ever write?

Rev. ROGER BENNETT, former Lieut., is now the pastor of a little church in So. Framingham.

Capt. FRANK BOLAN is in Kansas City, Kansas.

Many of the old "gang" are profiting by the C.W.A. They need it.

—"FILE CLOSER"

103RD INFANTRY

JOHN KING (Medics) is the proprietor of an ax handle factory in Oakland, Maine. He guarantees the handles as unbreakable even by the wife. Oakland, as you will remember, is also the home of the Bush Boys (Strawberry-Raspberry and Blackberry) all of the Medics.

CHET OLIVER, also of the Medics, runs the general store in Oakland.

RALPH STEVENS (Mechanic, M. Gun. Co.) is now living on a farm at East Winthrop on the shore of Lake Cobosseecontee. His brother Charlie (also Mechanic, M.G. Co.) still runs a cleansing establishment in Calais, Maine.

—E. K. H.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

C COMPANY

JUD FISH was in the Club recently on one of his visits to Boston.

JIM VALENTINE and BILL MILLWARD were at the YD Club Ball.

GEORGE THOMSON was in Boston and visited the Club.

TED NOYES is with a Worcester express company and is back and forth between Boston and Worcester.

AL BENNETT was in the Club the first time for many months.

HERB JEFFREYS attended the last meeting of the Boston Unit 104th Vet. Assoc.

Have been getting letters from many fellows all over the country, mostly fellows who were replacements to the Company for affidavits.

—H. G. W.

101ST MACHINE GUN B'N.

The fifteenth annual meeting and reunion of the 101st Machine Gun Bn. Association was held on November 10, at the Avon Country Club, with one hundred members present. A marvelous gathering took place before dinner. It was great to see the old gang together again reminiscing and tipping the elbow as of yore. The chow was so good, it requires no comment. Following dinner, President "ROUGH" ALLEN called the meeting to order. Messages from several of the gang, as were telegrams, were read. It was the secretary's pleasure to report that for the

second consecutive year we had not lost a member through death. However, word did come that sometime during 1931, Donald McDonald, formerly Headquarters Co. of our Battalion, had died. There was a moment of silent prayer in memory of all who had departed from this life.

The Y.D.V.A. was then brought up and the secretary was able to bring in several members. Our total new members during the recent drive totalled twenty six (Odd number).

The following officers were elected for this year: President, GEORGE BERLIN; Vice President, ROBERT K. SKINNER; Sec'y & Treas., B. A. BOURN.

Captain RAWDON MYERS (C Co.), Captain WYCKOFF MILLS (B Co.) and "ZEKE" ACKLEY (C Co.), now Major, Vermont Infantry, were called upon and gave kind words of encouragement and appreciation. Following their remarks CHARLIE SAENGER was introduced as a veteran of the world war, having served four years and three months with the colors of the Imperial German Army. Charlie received a big hand from the gang. The gang was then turned over to Past President ARTHUR NIELSEN in charge of the entertainment; needless to say that what "Art" produced was by far the most talented we have ever had. There was much group singing, Mademoiselle from Armentiers, etc.

From the remarks picked up after the reunion and since, there is no question but that this was our best meeting and it is regrettable that not more of the old gang could attend.

—B. A. BOURN, Sec'y

HQ. 51ST F.A. BRIGADE

The semi-annual reunion of the 51st F.A. Br. Hq. was held at the YD Club of Boston, at noon, Sunday, October 29. Lunch was served at 1:30 p.m. at Child's "Old France" Restaurant, nearby.

Meeting was opened at 3:15 p.m. with a prayer by the Rev. ROYAL K. HAYES, a member of the outfit and the present Y.D.V.A. National Chaplain, after which a two-minute silent tribute was paid to the memory of our departed comrades.

CHARLIE DEVEAU acted as toastmaster. The Rev. MR. HAYES gave a convincing talk on getting behind the YD Veterans Association, as well as our own.

There were eighteen members present, several of whom were new faces.

Remarks were made by all those present. After some discussion it was voted to hold the next reunion at the same place and time, Sunday, May 20, 1934. We expect many more at our next Spring reunion, at which we will have some important matters to decide upon. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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102ND FIELD ARTILLERY

Hello, Boys! We had a very good time at the 2nd annual ball of the Yellow Dogs (YD's)—"Choatey" was missing. Perhaps he got the burlap somewhere.

Oh, by the way, may I send a message from our good old Col. LOCKE? Here it is:

"I often think of our old outfit and the men in it (men?? where are you renegers?)

"I am always interested in the notes concerning our old gang. Please give my affectionate greetings to all the men who served under me. I was a regular Army "strictarian," but I started the greatest regiment of the A.E.F. on the way. Col. Herbert is dead but remember me, your sincere old timer."

Col. LOCKE is now retired and living at 1791 R Street, N. W. Wash., D.C. Write to him boys—He remembers you all—He likes you.

"Hubba" MURPHY

ENGINEER ENTRIES

CAPERS OF C

Saw MAL JENNEY reposing in the rear seat of a swell limousine the other day. Chauffeur driven of course. Ho, Hum!

MITCHELL is promoting a rifle range during the summer months, which accounts for his being absent from our summer reunions. Says he is extra busy. Has charge of athletics for the City of Quincy.

ANDY PUNG. Remember him? I see him once in a while dashing through traffic. Have not had a chance to talk with him as I was driving too.

Hi. Ex. SMITH is extra prosperous. A handsome daughter, a nice new Nash Eight, a very charming and delightful wife and from the looks of things I guess I will have to give him a touch. How about it, Harry?

BILL HARRIS attended the Legion Convention at Chicago. Ran into HEILMANN, who is located in Chicago and apparently doing well in the music line. He heard that BANGS was in town at the same time, but did not run into him. —W. R. L.

ROY PRICE shows his smiling countenance at the Club now and then. Thinks he can beat Bob Lawrence in cowboy pool. Oh yeah!

BILL CONNOLLY has seven now. Atta boy, Bill! Is feeling great and is with the State Auditors.

CHARLES STINSON is supreme something or other with the V.F.W. Lives in California. How are you, Charlie?

Saw GEORGE MORRISON the other day. Looks well and is going good. The N.R.A. I presume has picked things up for George.

A lot of C Company boys belong to the Club and

Post. Why not join? The Club dues from now on are only $4.00 until next April.

Only for two or three fellows who stick, C Company would be one of those also ran outfits, so if each man will get busy and write us any information about the boys, you are doing your part towards trying to keep this organization intact. Write to Bob Lawrence, care of the Club, or to Bill Harris, at 15 Wakullah St., Roxbury, Mass.

The following men are among the missing:

Ames, Lt. Bailey, Cruickshank, Habick, King, Larson, Lufkin, Marindin, Miour, Riccius, Richardson, Roberts, Sloane, Whitcher.

Any one knowing the whereabouts or addresses of these will write to Bill Harris.

—C. W. H.

DOINGS OF D

Among those seen in Chicago at the Legion Convention were J. Henry McCann, prominent La Salle Street Chicago attorney, one-time known as "Fat Joe". It is hoped that the Chicago YD Club officers will see that Joe is made a member of the YD Club of Chicago. Our Immigration Inspector Dave Rittenberg, was on hand. He said that the New Deal "was apparently going to return him to civilian life in Boston". It is hoped that the Democratic politicians will give Dave full credit for his ability and for the length of time he spent in the German prison camps and keep him on the job. Enoch and Mrs. Lyman motored to the Convention with Oscar Bohlin. Mrs. Lyman reports that she kept Enoch on the straight and narrow path. Our little Oscar has turned out to be quite a drum corps inspector. The Marlboro Post Oscar trained won first prize. It is hoped that Alderman Howard Sowerby will appreciate what Oscar has done for Marlboro.

Howard Youlden, Ken Morrow and Howard Babcock were instrumental in placing Norwood in fourth place in the band contest which was pretty good for the town which has sidewalks on Mechanic Street! Archie Buswell, manager of "Old France" in Providence, reports a baby boy. Congratulations on the quick work, Archie! John Sullivan and his wife returned from their annual vacation in France. They stayed one night in Rolampont and put up at the house across the street from the cookshack. John says the French are still a funny race. Of course you know John's wife is French.

Stop in and see Shorty Morris at Cedarcrest Inn on Washington Street, Weymouth. He's the manager and says there's plenty of good eats and entertainment. Fred Maguire is still our star salesman of electric refrigerators. His headquarters are with W. L. Thompson Company, Boston, but he is being pushed by Bernie Murdock, who is sales manager of Yumont's of Jamaica Plain. Carroll Swan reports that business is so good that he is declaring a moratorium on all debts owed him. It is nice that some member of the company is so well off. Walter Burke is manager of the furniture department of Sears Roebuck in the Fenway. He reports business good. Joe Cadogan reports the only reason he did not show up at Concord was that a job showed up after a long lay-off. Your correspondent went to Chicago to make sure that the "D" Company men maintained their usual sobriety and reports that he is well pleased.

—George E. St. Laurent

FANCIES OF F

Only a few pieces of news this month.

The first is a sad one indeed, the death of good old Stanley Clifford on November 19. Although all of us expected it except Stan himself, that didn't ease the blow. He was one grand guy if ever there was one, quiet, sincere, loyal, true. We'll miss him for a long, long time. Many F Company men attended the funeral, due to the good work of Redfield in getting out post card notices. Your correspondent deeply regrets he could not attend: it was absolutely impossible. To Mrs. Clifford and the three children the deepest of heartfelt sympathy, and just let F Company know when there is anything we can do.

In a week-end trip to New York, we spent an evening in early December down in "the Village" visiting with Ernest Kluge and Mrs. Kluge. Asked to be remembered to all. Is the same old Kluge.

Matty Howard sort of surprised us the other day by stating he had to stay at home more nights on account of being a dad. First we'd heard of it. Congratulations, Matty.

Win Lloyd is one of the spark plugs in the revival of the YD Club of Brockton.

—P. N. S.

101st HEADQUARTERS TRAIN & MILITARY POLICE

The 14th annual reunion of this outfit was held Sat., Nov. 4, 1933, at the Memorial Auditorium, Lowell, Mass.

192 of the boys attended, and enjoyed the banquet and what went with it. It was one of the best behaved crowds that ever attended a reunion—"O YAW". Instead of the boys getting quieter as they grow older, it seems to me that they are getting worse. Things happened at this affair that belong only in some kind of a novel or "Sumpin."

Col. Charles Stevens, former Adjutant of the old YD, was the principal speaker. Col. Wm. Dolan of Fitchburg was the toastmaster. Harry Sherman, assistant drum major of the champion Marlboro Fife and Drum Corps, gave his impression of the competition at the Legion Convention at Chicago.

Some of the boys appeared on the scene for the first time in 14 years and what a welcome they received. Among these was Anthony Hally of A company, now a member of the Manchester, N.H., police force—Earl Winner of Natick, with his big happy grin that won't come off—"Stick" Learey and "Old Punk" Fay of Marlboro (and points east and west) with

some weird stories of Europe—"Horseshoer Bertie" Conley, now located in Lynn, Mass., doing that everlasting tap dance—And then there was Col. Payne as happy as ever—"Tommy" Atkins of Wilmington, Delaware, coming all the way to Lowell to have a cup of "tea" with the boys once more—Jack O'Dea, the hardest working man at the reunion (trying to get the refreshments started. He did.)—Bill Furey of "The Acre", now a member of the Lowell Police Dept., trying to help that party find their bag: Did you see my bag, Elmer?—Frank Bachelder looking for THOSE entertainers that should have been there—Frank Thomas and "Monk" Doherty, the prides of Centerville, with their plug of tobacco—Col. "Bill" Dolan of Fitchburg trying to introduce the speakers to that bunch of wooden Indians: I wonder what they were eating?—Capt. "Jawn" Dolan and "Skipper" M. J. Dee receiving a great reception from all the boys—Charlie Akeley from Leominster, the Treasurer, with nothing to treasure but buttons—My old "Buddie" Harry Linell of the old 10th Cavalry, good natured as ever, is with the Post Office Dept. at Gardner, Mass. Harry has one of the greatest collections of pictures I have ever seen — Bucko Dumaine, Ollie Thayer and Perry O'Leary of Marlboro, all on the wagon—Top Kick Bill McBride of Fitchburg, as big and happy as ever—old "Hi-Ki" (no hair) Al Goodwin of Reading looking for a piano—Jim Wallace down from Troy, New York, looking for an ICE CREAM parlor (he found it, and how)—Harold Rockwood carrying the milk bottle and nipple for Fred Shaw, Ira Rawding, and Jim Garvin of Framingham—Jim McCormack of Reading making a speech to the boys on Middlesex St. at 2 "G. M."—Hub Fales, Fred Hodgdon, Curt Tingley, Col. "Phil" Schuyler, and my old partner Perc Horne took a plane and went for a ride to Albany at 1 a.m. Sunday—Jim O'Toole and the Stoneham crowd 99 percent strong and going good—Joe Wilkinson and his music box (someone soaked it in liquid or "sumpin")—"Snuffie" Connors doing an Annette Kellerman for the boys—Joe Ready and Jimmy Armstrong asking me about the visit we made to Meaux in July, 1917: ask Jim Garvin and Anthony Hally, I think that they have a few memories of that town—Matty Phealen and his pal "Sully" with a suspicious smile, what does it mean, I guess it won't be long now—Frank Champagne of Wakefield without his horse—where was "Bang My Horse is Dead"—Chip Cheever of the old Champagne Cavalry of Rouceaux, without the Sword—Dr. Glass of Framingham with the same old grin that he used to wear when he said: "Paint it with iodine and mark him duty," O Hum—Ray Dowd of The Lowell Sun bawling H.. out of me for not receiving a notice of the reunion, blame it on the wife, Ray—Dave Frew of Framingham wanting us to come to Framingham next year, he didn't see my eye)—the first squad of Co. A was present 100 per cent strong for the first time in 14 years and they certainly made the welkin ring—Bill Smith and John Greenleaf arguing about the shortest and best way to get to Lancaster before 4 a.m. Sunday morning—then, to cap the climax, Ed Alexander stepping out of the New American Hotel at 7 a.m. Sunday, and finding his car frozen up tighter than a drum (he didn't have any alcohol IN THE CAR)—Well it's all over for another year, and I'm glad to report that there were no casualties except a few terrible headaches Sunday.

The entire membership of this organization at this time wish Capt. "Jawn" C. Dolan of Concord, Mass., the very best of luck in his new position as Deputy Warden at the Concord Reformatory, this wish coming from the boys who know just how hard boiled he can be, and at the same time knowing that he has a heart as big as an Ox, as he has often proven to many of us that served under him across the water (take me as an example, I know). "Bon Sortie Jawn".

Any man that is interested in the medals can obtain the necessary information by writing me at 16 Pitts St., Natick, Mass.

After quite a battle it was voted to hold the next reunion at Marlboro, Mass., the first Saturday in November, 1934, and, incidentally, the Marlboro boys were present 100 per cent strong.

Over 50 of the boys agreed to join the YD Veterans Association before the 15th of December.

Have had 47 letters from men that were at distant points and were unable to make it this year. I will have more about these letters in the next issue of "DOINGS".

The following officers were elected for 1934: Capt. John C. Dolan of West Concord, Pres.; "Top Kick" Wm. McBride of Fitchburg, V. P.; Major Charles Akeley of Leominster, Treas.; William F. Murray of Natick, Secretary.

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